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*the Christ.*

JOHN 4:25





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*for the Week*  
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**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 12, 2023**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

*The Mass of Anticipation for 3rd Sunday of Lent*

4:00PM Barbara Primeau—Memorial

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

*The Third Sunday of Lent*

7:30 AM Teresa Barbieri—Memorial

9:00AM Craig Sherman—Month's Mind

10:30AM Gerry Granahan—Memorial

5:00PM Thelma J. Corrente—Memorial

**MONDAY, MARCH 13**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM Charles Larrivee—Memorial

12:05PM Robert Walsh, Sr.—Memorial

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM Margaret Armstrong—Birthday Remembrance

12:05PM Antonio Fagnoli—Memorial

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM D'ced Members of Filippi & Catanio Families

12:05PM Special Intention

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM Mariano & Susana Salgado—Memorial

12:05PM Bill Daly—Birthday Remembrance

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17**

*The Feast of St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland*

7:30AM D'cd of McGinley & Kiernan Families-Mem.

12:05PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

*Lenten Weekday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

8:30AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—Memorial

*The Mass of Anticipation for 4th Sunday of Lent*

4:00PM Mary Gianardi—10th Anniversary

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

*The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

7:30 AM Robert Retelle—Memorial

9:00AM Maria Aquino—Birthday Remembrance

10:30AM Fr. Joseph Henry—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish





Dear Parishioners:

I hope you made it to the Parish Mission this past week. Dominican Friar Father Justin Brophy, our Mission Preacher, did an outstanding job preaching. In your name, I thank him for taking time from his busy schedule and giving up his Spring Break to be here at OLM. His words provided much food for thought as we continue to renew our relationship with Jesus in this Lenten Season.

We celebrate the Feast of Saint Patrick the Apostle of Ireland this Friday. Bishop John Noonan, the Bishop of Orlando, Florida, will celebrate the St. Patrick's Day Mass at 12:05pm. The Mass features Irish hymns and readings in Irish. A reception will follow the Mass with Irish Coffee and Irish Soda Bread.

Bishop Noonan is a native of Limerick, Ireland. He immigrated to New York at the age of 18. He later relocated to Miami, where his calling to the priesthood led him to St. John Vianney College. He was ordained a priest in 1983 and Auxiliary Bishop of Miami in 2005. In 2010 he was named Bishop of Orlando.

As a priest of Miami, he served as the Rector of St. John Vianney College Seminary, where I first met him over twenty years ago. He's been to OLM to celebrate Confirmation in years past, and I know you will warmly welcome him back.

St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated since around the ninth century. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland but in America. Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17,

1601, in a Spanish colony in St. Augustine, Florida. The Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur organized the St. Patrick's Day parade.

More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched into New York City on March 17, 1772, to honor the Irish patron saint. Enthusiasm for the St. Patrick's Day parades in New York City, Boston, Newport, and other early American cities grew.

Sadly for some people, the celebration of St. Patrick's Day is nothing more than a secular occasion for silly Irish hats, green beer, and drunken debauchery. Yet St. Patrick's Day is traditionally a spiritual and religious occasion in Ireland. In fact, up until the 1970s, Irish laws mandated that pubs be closed on March 17.

While on St. Patrick's Day, we celebrate the Irish heritage of many Americans and their contribution to the Church and Country over the centuries. It is a day to truly celebrate our Catholic Faith. Glorious St. Patrick brought the Catholic Faith to Ireland, so we celebrate by coming to Mass. See you on Friday! Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March 19 falls on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, so the Solemnity of St. Joseph is moved to Monday, March 20. We will celebrate St. Joseph's Day with a Mass with prayers, readings, and hymns in Italian. A reception of Italian Coffee and Zeppoles will follow the Mass.

We are honored to welcome our new Coadjutor Bishop, Richard Henning, to OLM as the celebrant and homilist of the Mass. St. Joseph is the Patron of the Universal

Church.

Still, in Rhode Island, he is the unofficial Patron of Italo-Americans. Therefore, we celebrate the heritage of Italian Americans and their many contributions to the Church and Country. Please attend the St. Joseph Day Mass on Monday, March 20, at 12:05pm. *Buona Festa di San Giuseppe!*

As we continue to celebrate this Sacred Season of Lent, if you still need to go to the Sacrament of Confession, I encourage you to do so. There is Confession every Saturday at 3:00pm. On Mondays, two priests are available for Confessions at 6:00pm. All Day Confessions are on Saturday, March 25, from 9:00am until 3:00pm, with four priests available all day. Also, on the Wednesday of Holy Week, there will be two hours of Confessions with four priests.

Make a good Confession before Easter. You won't regret it! St. Thomas Aquinas said: *"In the life of the body, a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so, in the spiritual life, a man is sick because of sin. For that reason, he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance."*

I thank those who have pledged to the Catholic Charity Appeal. We are getting closer to our goal of \$190,000. Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless! Happy St. Patrick's Day!

*Father Healey*



**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord  
Swedish Waffles**

On March 25 each year, exactly nine months before the great joy of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, the Church celebrates The Annunciation of the Lord. On this day, the angel Gabriel appeared to our Blessed Mother and announced that she was to conceive and bear a son, our Lord Jesus Christ. The beauty of this solemnity is held in Mary's great fiat, or yes, in her willingness to play an essential role in the world's salvation. Unlike Eve who disobeyed God, Mary said yes to God's plan for her. She trusted God and, as the mother of Jesus, loved Him in a way no one else could. At the moment of the angel's words, Mary carried within her womb the Son of God, the Messiah, the Savior of the world. The Annunciation is celebrated each year in Sweden by partaking in waffles! But why waffles? In Swedish, the feast's name is Vårfrudagen ("Our Lady's Day"). The feast's name is similar to the Swedish pun Våffeldagen (Waffle Day). Thus, the pun has engendered a national devotion to the Virgin even as far back as the 17th century. Despite being predominantly Lutheran, Sweden celebrates this Feast Day of Mary with wonderful feasts of waffles.

**Ingredients**

- 1 3/4 cups heavy cream, well-chilled
- 1 1/3 cups flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 3 tablespoons melted sweet butter

**Instructions**

Step 1 - Whip the cream until stiff. Step 2 - Mix the flour, sugar, and salt in a bowl. Step 3 - Stir in the water to make a smooth batter. Step 4 - Fold the whipped cream into the batter. Step 5 - Stir in the melted butter. Step 6 - Heat the waffle iron. (If it is well seasoned, it will not need to be greased.) Step 7 - Fill the grid surface about two-thirds full of batter. Bake until golden brown. Step 8 - Place on a rack to keep crisp while you make the rest of the waffles. Yield: about 8 waffles. These are perfect for dessert to celebrate this Solemnity. Especially when served with whipped Cream and raspberries.

**Weekly Collection**

**March 5, 2023**

Weekly.....	\$13,771.00
EFT.....	\$4,055.00
	<b>Total=\$17,826.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$4,079.00
Lenten Mission.....	\$2,814.00

**March 6, 2022**

Weekly.....	\$16,732.00
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**Second Collections**  
**Week: Building & Grounds**



**Parish Goal=\$190,000**  
**Total Pledged=\$125,462**  
**Total Donors=231**  
**Average Gift=\$543**

**2022 Catholic Charity Appeal**

OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000  
Total Pledged=\$262,643  
Total Number of Donors=440  
Average Gift=\$597



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed, most especially **Anthony J. Paolino, Sr.** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at OLM last week.





# Religious Education NEWS

## RE Schedule

**Sunday, Mach 12:** 5:00pm Mass & Grade 8 Confirmation Class to follow in OLM School Gym

**Sunday March 19:** 9:00am Mass & Grades 1 & 2 First Communion 2023 class to follow in the gym.

• **6:00pm Lenten Penance Service for Grades 3,4,5,6,7 & 8. All parents should attend.**

• **Sunday, March 26:** 5:00pm Mass & Grades 5, 6 & 7 Class to follow in the OLM School Gym

## First Penance

**Saturday, March 11 at 1:00pm (M-Z )**

*Please pray for our First Communion Class making their First Confessions.*



# Outreach Update

• **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. **All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable.** We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.

• **OLM Bereavement Group:** Next meeting **Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 4:00pm** in Mercy House. All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.

• **For more information,** please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



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## Upcoming Events

• **Monday, March 13:** No School. Faculty Professional Day

• **Tuesday, March 14:** Scholastic Book Fair; 6th Grade Field Trip to Gillette Stadium; Mock Trial Practice @2:30pm; Girls on the Run @2:30pm

• **Thursday, March 16:** Choir Practice @2:30pm; Mock Trial Practice @2:30pm

• **Friday, March 17:** Stations of the Cross @8:15am; St. Patrick Day Mass @12:05pm

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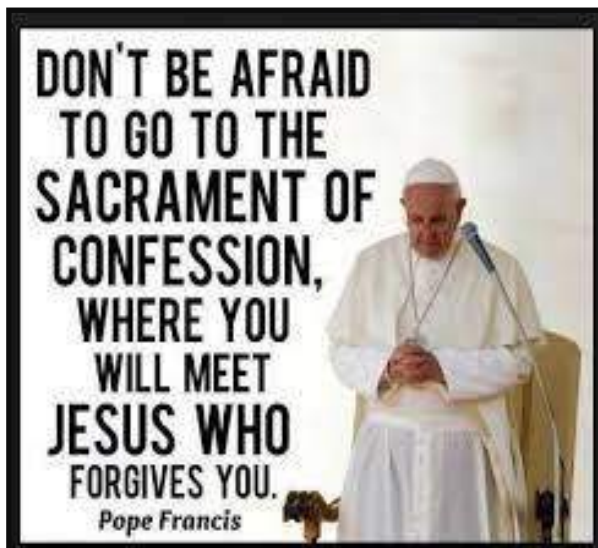
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## Our Lady of Mercy Church

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 17  
MASS AT 12:05PM

Mass with Readings & Music in Irish

The Most Reverend John G. Noonan, D.D.  
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SOLEMN ST. JOSEPH'S DAY MASS



MONDAY, MARCH 20,  
MASS AT 12:05PM

Mass celebrated in Italian with  
Readings & Hymns in Italian

The Most Reverend  
Richard G. Henning, D.D., S.T.D.  
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### Prayer Intention Book

*Have Your Intentions Remembered in Prayer*



A book in which your prayer intentions can be written has been placed in the OLM Candle Room. Please feel free to list those intentions and needs you would like to be remembered in prayer. Weekly on Fridays at 3:00pm all the intentions in the book are remembered at the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



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